

Case Investigation and Training of Trainer Workshop Organized in China

With the facilitation of the International Research Center for Agriculture and Development (CIRAD) and the Yunnan Provincial Animal CDC, a workshop on disease outbreak investigation and surveillance was organized during 29 June - 9 July 2009 in Kunming.

The workshop was conducted in two separate sessions. Case Investigation Session (29 June to 3 July) focused on training of provincial epidemiologists including lecture and field trip on surveillance and disease outbreak investigation. The second session focused on the Training of Trainers conducted during the second week (6-9 July), which provided training to national and provincial epidemiologists on how to elaborate a training in epidemiology and develop a curriculum. Some training skill was conducted in the training course, e.g. how to increase interaction between trainer and trainees, lead and moderate group discussions, training and evaluation etc.



Participants were keen in learning and getting to know the contents of the training material and show much interest to follow and absorb the information offered during the workshop. It is expected that what they learned from this training will be applied during their daily work and their duties in HPAI prevention and control. Guangxi participants also expressed their willingness to receive additional, similar training in their province.

All participants had the opportunity to use a wide range of software including Freecalc 2 and Survey Toolbox which are useful tools for calculating sampling frame and perform other statistical calculation. A training module in basic epidemiology for animal diseases "RANEMA" (provided as a CD) was used for all trainees for learning and practice.

All participants agreed that the techniques taught were useful tools to improve epidemiological skills in the country.

Lessons Learned

The difficulty for most of the trainees from prefectures and provinces was the use of English. Nonetheless, all participants believed it is a powerful tool to help basic epidemiological training.

Upcoming Activities

Poultry Sector Review in Guangxi

In close collaboration with the Guangxi Provincial Animal Husbandry Bureau and Provincial Center for Animal CDC, Center for International Agricultural Development of the China Agricultural University (CIAD/CAU) will launch a review on the poultry sector in Guangxi during July-September. The purpose of the study is to provide an overview of developments in the poultry sector based on field survey findings, statistical data, reports and information from the literature. The Poultry Sector Review Report will be used for assessing the HPAI surveillance strategy and used for developing the regional HPAI control system.